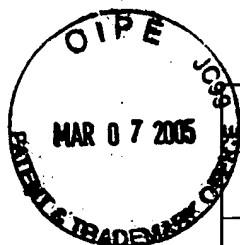
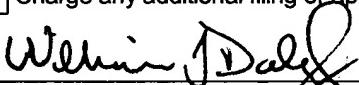


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Art Unit 3731					
Applicant(s): Eugene De Juan, Jr. et al.					
Invention: SUTURELESS OCCULAR SURGICAL METHODS AND INSTRUMENTS FOR USING SUCH METHODS					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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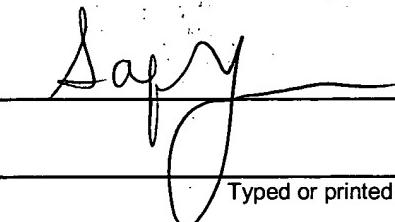
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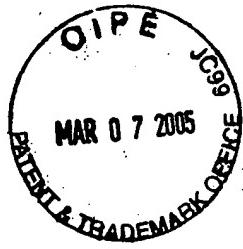
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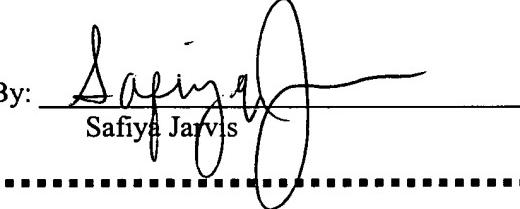
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2005, in the above referenced application.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period. Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for any

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required fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.